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(D) USUN 1974 (SUBJ TO CORRECTION)

1. SUMMARY. ON MAY 22 U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (SCELSI) MADE STATEMENT TO UNICEF PROGRAM COMMITTEE REGARDING UNICEF INDOCHINA PROGRAM. STATEMENT SAME AS STATEMENT TRANSMITTED REF (B). NO DELEGATION REACTED DIRECTLY TO U.S. STATEMENT; FOUR DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, DID INDICATE SUPPORT OF THE UNICEF PLANS IN INDOCHINA, WHICH IMPLIED SUPPORT OF FINANCIAL PROPOSALS AND AID DISTRIBUTION. ONE DELEGATION INDICATED THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE PROGRAM UNDERWRITTEN WITH GENERAL RESOURCES FUNDS, WITH A DIFFERENT DISTRIBUTION OF AID AMONG RECIPIENTS; THIS STATEMENT, HOWEVER, MADE FROM PREPARED TEXT AND NOT DIRECT RESPONSE TO U.S. STATEMENT. SANDBURG, CHIEF OF UNICEF INDOCHINA PROGRAM, RESPONDED

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TO STATEMENTS. WITH RESPECT TO U.S. CONCERNS, HE INDICATED

THAT UNICEF WOULD TAKE THE U.S. DELEGATE'S COMMENTS INTO ACCOUNT "INsofar AS POSSIBLE AND PRACTICABLE" IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. DELEGATE MADE STATEMENT NOTING THREE PRINCIPAL U.S. CONCERNS WITH UNICEF PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT E/ICEF/L.1307; (A) THAT UNICEF PROGRAM NOT IMPLY RECOGNITION OF PRG IN ANY WAY; (B) THAT NO GENERAL RESOURCES FUNDS BE USED IN DRVN OR PRG CONTROLLED AREAS, AND (C) THAT PRESENTLY ENVISIONED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BETWEEN GVN AND PRG CONTROLLED AREAS IS DISPROPORTIONATE WITH RESPECT TO POPULATION.

3. NO DELEGATION REPLIED TO U.S. STATEMENT OR REACTED TO IT DURING SESSION. FOUR DELEGATIONS STATED THEIR SUPPORT OF UNICEF PLAN AS OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT E/ICEF/L.1307, WHICH IMPLIED SUPPORT OF PROPOSED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS, AS WELL AS AID DISTRIBUTION, DELEGATIONS WERE BULGARIA, POLAND, USSR, FRANCE. SWEDEN ENDORSED UNICEF PROPOSAL BUT INDICATED THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN MORE GENERAL RESOURCES FUNDS AND LESS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS USED TO UNDERWRITE UNICEF PLAN; AND ALSO WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN A DIFFERENT DISTRIBUTION OF AID AMONG RECIPIENTS (DID NOT INDICATE, HOWEVER, WHAT ITS PREFERENCE WOULD BE). SWEDISH STATEMENT MADE FROM PREPARED TEXT, AND NOT A DIRECT REBUTTAL TO U.S. STATEMENT.

4. SANDBURG, CHIEF UNICEF INDOCHINA PROGRAM, CLOSED DISCUSSION WITH STATEMENT WHICH REPLIED SPECIFICALLY ONLY TO COMMENTS OF FRANCE AND THE U.S. WITH REGARD U.S. STATEMENT, HE SAID THAT UNICEF "WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE U.S. DELEGATE'S COMMENTS INsofar AS POSSIBLE AND PRACTICABLE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM."

5. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT INDOCHINA PROGRAM HAD BEEN APPROVED.

6. UNDER CAPTION "USE OF U.S. FUNDS FOR UNICEF HELP IN HANOI IS BARRED" MAY 23 ISSUE NEW YORK TIMES NOTED, IN REPORTING SCELSI SPEECH, THAT U.S. REMARKS "REFLECTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON'S DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES LACKED GENUINE COMMITMENT TO SEE THE INDOCHINA CONFLICT SETTLED PEACEFULLY."

7. USUN HAD, PRIOR TO SCELSI STATEMENT, ALREADY PRIVATELY MADE OUR CONCERNS KNOWN TO LABOUISSIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNICEF (REF D). THESE CONCERNS ALSO COMMUNICATED TO LABOUISSIE BY DEPT, (REF C). USUN WILL

INSURE THAT UNICEF SECRETARIAT IS KEPT AWARE OF OUR CONTINUING
INTEREST IN THE MANNER IN WHICH INDOCHINA PROGRAM IS
IMPLEMENTED.

8. WILL FORWARD A COPY OF SCELSI STATEMENT TO SAIGON.
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